

REMARKS

In the Specification

The Examiner objected to the specification due to minor, typographical errors. Applicant has checked the specification for minor, typographical errors and submits the attached amendments to the specification to correct these minor, typographical errors. Applicant submits that the Specification, as amended, is acceptable, and respectfully requests that the objection to the Specification be withdrawn.

In the Drawings

The drawings are objected to because they obtain improper sectional views. Applicant submits the attached Replacement Drawing Sheets in response to this objection. Additionally, the Brief Description of the Drawings has been revised. Applicant submits that the Drawings, as amended, are acceptable, and respectfully requests that the objection to the Drawings be withdrawn.

In the Claims

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph

Claims 9 through 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Claims 9 through 30 are canceled. Applicant submits that new claims 31 through 53 distinctly claim and particularly point out the subject matter of the invention as required by 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103

Claims 9 through 12 and 14 through 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Alt *et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,534,654). Claims 9 through 30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kretschmer *et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,416,549) and

Campolini *et al* (U.S. Patent No. 4,499,562). Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Alt in view of Kihara (U.S. Patent No. 5,505,541).

In response to paragraph 21, page 11 of the Office Action, Applicant states that only one inventor is named in the present application.

Claims 9 through 30 are currently canceled and new claims 31 through 53, which add no new matter and are drawn to the elected invention, are added. Applicant submits that new claims 31 through 53 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 and requests that the rejections be withdrawn.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the Application is now in suitable form for allowance and that the rejections have been overcome. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and solicits a Notice of Allowance. If a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the undersigned may be reached at 502-562-7319.

Respectfully submitted,

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